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Monthly Report -- Key West Bureau



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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--February 1988

I. GENERAL

Events in Panama this month forced us to take a hard look at the possibility of assuming Chiva Chiva's coverage should General Noriega curtail FBIS operations there. In addition to making sure we have enough desks and chairs and room to absorb 15-20 bodies (monitors, editors, technicians, and communicators), we have also received verbal permission from our Navy hosts to install some additional antennas to improve our reception of Central America. Contingency plans were discussed with Operations Chief [redacted] during his 11-13 February visit to the bureau. STAT

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Havana's media wasted no time voicing Cuba's solidarity with Noriega and denying accusations that Fidel was ever involved with the Panamanian leader in any drug activities. Describing any criminal links between Castro and Noriega as a "fairy tale," a TELE-REBELDE announcer labeled the charges "gross and absurd." Fidel took another opportunity late in the month during a 3-hour NBC interview with Maria Shriver (aired over Havana TV) to deny the charges. The bureau reopened late that Saturday night to monitor the interview.

2. In other major events, the Cuban media pulled no punches attacking the U.S. at the UN Human Rights Commission, which opened its meetings this month in Geneva. In addition to broadcasting strongly-worded rebuttals of charges of Cuban human rights violations, the Cuban media also aired a particularly virulent attack on Armando Valladares, the Cuban-born chairman of the U.S. delegation and former political prisoner. The TV program described him as a terrorist, phony, and so-called poet with no literary talent.

3. With regard to political rights, Cuban TV also took the unusual step on the 17th of reporting on a group of "unnamed people" who had summoned the foreign press to a Havana neighborhood to talk to them about human rights. Earlier in the month, a group calling itself the "Cuban Committee for Human Rights" had called a news conference requesting the UN investigate conditions in Cuba.

4. On the lighter side, Cuban TV announced this month that citizens may soon be able to buy certain consumer goods on credit. Vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, and Polish TV sets are among the high-price appliances that may soon be available. We are now poised for the first ads for the Cuban equivalent of a Visa card and a Spanish jingle not to leave home without it.

B. Lateral Services

1. Per an arrangement worked out with Liaison, we are now wirefiling to HQs program summaries of at least one of the primary daily newscasts of Radio Soleil, a major Haitian radio station that is funded by the Catholic Church. Ambassador McKinley, who has long suspected the station of biting the hand that feeds it by misrepresenting the church's position on the country's political situation, asked for the FBIS assessment.

2. The bureau also asked [redacted], our contractor in Port-au-Prince, to file liberally on any media reports of a garbage barge hired by Philadelphia that has deliberately been dumping its refuse on Haiti's beaches rather than in designated fill sites. A Congressional subcommittee had specifically asked LRB to check on these reports, which unfortunately appear to be true.

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C. Technical

1. Bureau Radio Broadcast Monitor [redacted] and Engineer [redacted] put the finishing touches on their evaluation of the new Cubic 3030 receiver that FED had sent to us to test as a potential replacement for the Collins 651S-1 receivers still in the field. Overall, we were generally impressed with the receiver's versatility, especially for remote operations, and its practical design.

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2. In a hardware switch in the communications room, Wolf replaced the Okidata printers with Comscribe III's. The changeover eliminated all the blackboxes that had caused us occasional problems by shutting down our system at the slightest power glitch.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [redacted] former FBIS Bulgarian and Russian monitor, wife of [redacted], and good friend to many at this and other bureaus, passed away on 5 February following complications from a kidney transplant and several other major back-to-back operations. A memorial service was held for her at the bureau chief's house on 12 February.

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2. [redacted] our long sought after teletypist, was finally approved this month to enter on duty. Ashley plans to

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join us 14 March. To round out our staffing, we continue our search for a local part-time monitor/editor.

3. Bureau celebrants congratulated Monitor/Editor [] this month on her promotion to GS-11. Affairs of state were put on pause long enough to let us toast Irma and Wolf, who was given a much-deserved QSI last month.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

1. We traded in our old water cooler this month after discovering from a newspaper article that it was a potential health threat due to a lead-soldered joint that came into contact with the water. Certain members of bureau management now have a ready answer to questions about any peculiarities in personality, especially since the article pointed out a link between lead and hypertension in middle-aged males.

2. We concluded our security upgrades of the houses this month by installing Yale deadbolt locks on all the front doors of our houses and pins in the downstairs windows. The added protection had been provided by Ed Wilkinson following his TDY to the bureau last autumn.

IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

1. [] PORA/E&PS, 3-5 Feb.
2. [] , DRD (private travel), 8 Feb.
3. [] Chief/Operations, 11-13 Feb.
4. [] , WSS (private travel), 20 Feb.
5. AF Capt Greg Moser, CINCLANT, 24 Feb.
6. Vladimir Culkowski, USAF HQS, 25 Feb.
7. [] former FBIS staffers, 26 Feb.

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V. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Usually tranquil Key West and [] took on a different image during the late afternoon of 29 February when protesters demonstrated outside our housing site at the United St Gate entrance to the base. The group--the Key West Mobilization for Survival--was part of a nationwide network of people protesting nuclear arms. To the best of our knowledge, we have nothing here but coconuts.

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Chief, Key West Bureau

Attachments: Production Report

KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 170,160

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 42,380

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 508

	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	MIN	MIN	ISSUES
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:			
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

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Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>		
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Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>26,970</u>	
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Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English or Spanish	<u>-0-</u>		
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Belize Times in English			<u>-0-</u>
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CUBA

Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish	<u>7,230</u>		
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Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish	<u>10,700</u>		
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Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>7,870</u>		
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Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>		
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Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>31,170</u>
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Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>20,240</u>
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Santo Domingo Radio Mil Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in Creole	<u>6,720</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in French	<u>6,500</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Antilles Internationales in French	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Haiti-Inter in Creole	<u>1,320</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Haiti-Inter in French	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Lumiere Network in Creole	<u>-0-</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Metropole in Creole	<u>2,940</u>
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Port-au-Prince Radio Metropole in French	<u>8,240</u>	
Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil in Creole	<u>28,300</u>	
Port-au-Prince LE NOUVELLISTE in French		<u>-0-</u>
JAMAICA		
Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>	
Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
MEXICO		
Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish		<u>3,280</u>
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES		
Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>1,270</u>	
THE NETHERLANDS		
Hilversum International Service in English	<u>-0-</u>	
SURINAME		
Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>5,600</u>	
OTHER SOURCES:		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		
Santo Domingo Radio Popular in Spanish	<u>190</u>	
HAITI		
Port-au-Prince Le Petit Samedi Soir in French		<u>1,620</u>